Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Proffitt of Charlottesville were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernard C. Proffitt.

Mrs. Leota Clifton and Mrs. Lillian Riddle of Abingdon were guests in the homes of Mrs. T.N. Saul and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass a part of last week.

Jimmy Morris and Dottie De Kalb, both of Homestead, Florida spent a part of last week with Mrs. Ruby Morris and Billy. Weekend visitors were Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney and Linda Morris, all of Richmond.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Mann, Sr. of Arvonia were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

Mrs. Dale Senger left the Southside Community Hospital Saturday and is spending this week with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lunsford in Crewe. We hope she will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cook of Richmond were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan of Knoxville, Tenn. and Tammy Lam of V.P.I. S/U spent the weekend with the Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan.

The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Choir sang specials at Concord Baptist Church Thursday night during their revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass, Ms. Joan Price, David and Tommy visited Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall Nursing home in Blackstone Sunday and also Roy Perkins in McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Senger of Clairton, Pa. spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline Hill and boys of Richmond spent the weekend here at the former R.L. Harris home.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Alice Senger were Mrs. Mary Weakley and Ronda and Kenny Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Morris, Mrs. Jonny M. Harris, all of Appomattox; Mrs. Kline Hill of Richmond; Pete Senger of Curdsville.

Beth Marston of Appomattox spent Friday nigh with Kathy Beasley.

Mrs. K.M. Beasley, Jr., Kathy and Kemper III, were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mrs. Louie Foster of Farmville was a Saturday visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Julie Davis of Curdsville and Jody Jones of New Canton spent the weekend with Beck Morris. They all attended a birthday party at A.J. Skateworld in Appomattox Saturday night celebrating the birthday of Jennifer Coleman of Farmville.

A christian dedication service for little three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris was performed Sunday at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church by the pastor the Rev. John E. Mann, Sr.

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Signs contract with Dodgers

Mayberry to play pro ball

Appomattox County's Greg Mayberry left for Montana Tuesday to begin a career in professional baseball, after signing a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization Friday night.

Mayberry, a right-handed pitcher who just completed a successful year as a feshman hurler for Ferrum College, will play in the Pioneer League this summer, for a Dodgers farm team in Great Falls, Montana.

Initial plans are for Mayberry to play a season in the Pioneer League, then spend four or five weeks in an instructional league in Arizona after the summer season.

After a year in the rookie league, Mayberry will advance according to his performance through the various levels of professional baseball: single A, double A, triple A, all minor leagues; if he continues to progress, into the major leagues.

"Playing professional baseball has been my goal all my life," says Mayberry, who graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1983. As a senior pitcher for ACHS, Mayberry compiled a 9-2 record, with a 2.62 earned-run average. At Ferrum, he won eight games and lost two, and had a 2.34 ERA.

Mayberry was picked by the Dodgers organization in the first round of the secondary phase of the June draft. He had been picked by the Boston Red Sox in the January draft, so his name was listed by major league baseball in the secondary phase in the most recent draft.

Jim Garland, a regional scout for theDodgers, called Mayberry June 4 to inform him of the Dodgers' interest, and Garland came to Appomattox late Friday to offer Mayberry a contract.

Mayberry, a 6-3, 210-pound 18-year-old, has a fast ball which terriorized opponents of Appomattox County High School and Ferrum College for the past four years.

He credits his father, ACHS coach Howard Clabough, little league coach Dickie Smith, and American Legion coach Larry Dovel with helping him to maintain his interest in baseball.

"We know this is what Greg has always wanted to do, and now he has the opportunity to do it," says his father, Jimmy. "We hope he'll be happy," adds his mother, Carolyn.

Mayberry, who will be busy with baseball through next October, says he plans to continue his college education during the off sesason.

GREG MAYBERRY (center), who just finished a successful year pitching for Ferrum College, signed a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization Friday to play professional baseball. Mayberry, who compiled an 8-2 winning record pitching for the Appomattox County High School Raiders his senior year, is shown reviewing the contract with his father, Jimmy, and his mother, Carolyn. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Child battles adversity

By FRANCES ABBITT

Two big, beautiful green eyes and a winning smile are the first things one notices about six-year-old Steve May. He looks like a healthy, happy little boy, but something is missing....a kidney.

Steve, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.R. (Butch) May of Route 1, Brookneal, was born with only one kidney. When he was about a year and a half old, his parents noticed his growth pattern did not seem to match that of other children his age.

"He just didn't grow like other children his age," commented his mother. They took him to a Lynchburg pediatrician. Following X-rays, the parents were told their son had only one kidney, a left kidney that was only partially functioning. The right kidney was missing because of a birth defect.

Steve was admitted to Virginia Baptist Hospital and doctors performed a urostomy, placing the bladder outside of Steve's body for a period of four weeks. This was necessary to remove the urine from his body.

"It is hard to believe how active Steve was folloing this surgery," said his mother. "In a day or so he was running up and down the hall."

Since the surgery, Steve has been on six kinds of medication to control the problem. But, Steve is growing and his kidney isn't, so a transplant is necessary.

Young Steve doesn't seem to mind another trip to the hospital.

"I'll do the best I can and try to get better," he said in talking of the forthcoming visit.

Steve and his father went to the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville on June 6 to determine if May can be a donor for his son. Although the blood types match, there are other tests that were done but the results are not yet available, so the family must wait.

If the tests prove that Steve's father can donate his kidney then the transplant will be done in the fall of this year. If the transplant from his father isn't possible, Steve's name will be placed on a waiting list for a donated kidney. In the meantime, Steve will begin at-home dialysis treatment. This will mean missing six to ten weeks of school following the transplant.

"I love school," said Steve. "I really like to play at school."

The medical treatment necessary for Steve is costly and friends are anxious to help.

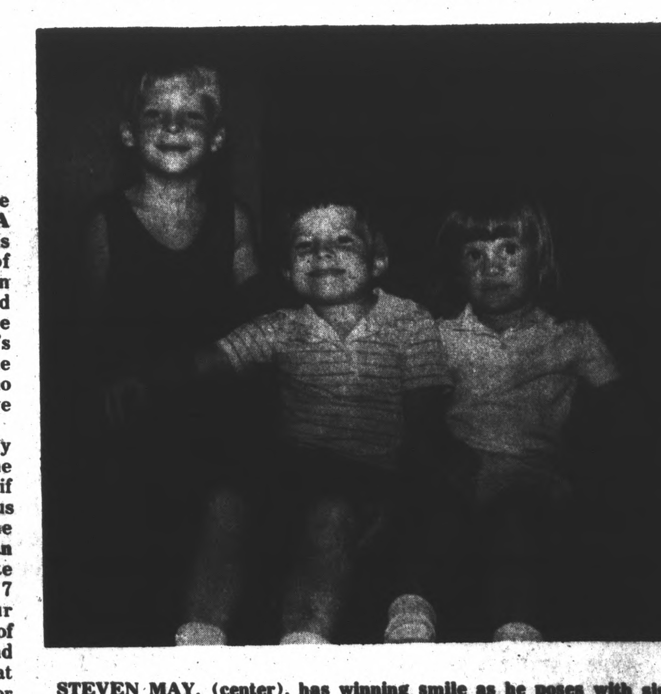
The Steve May Kidney Fund has been established at Central Fidelity Bank in Appomattox. Donations may be sent to the bank at P.O. Box 68.

"We really appreciate everything that people are doing to help us. We need your prayers and support to get through this," said Mrs. May.

Steve enjoys playing with his sister, Karen, and his cousin, Allen Marston.

"One of the things that has helped us so much is Steven's attitude. He doesn't complain when he has to go to the doctor or to the hospital," his mother said.

"I don't mind," Steve added. "I just want to play."



STEVEN MAY, (center), has winning smile as he poses with sister, Karen, (left), and cousin, Allen Marston, (right). Steve, born with only one kidney is waiting for transplant. In the meantime, he "just loves to play." (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Schools conclude a good session

By FRANCES ABBITT

"The Appomattox County Schools have experienced a good year," said Lloyd Walton, superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division at last Wednesday's meeting of the Appomattox County School Board.

"Both teachers and principals have done an outstanding job and we have had excellent cooperation of parents during this past year," Walton added.

The board accepted the resignation of Pat Torrence, principal of Appomattox Elementary School. Torrence, who has served as principal for the past ten years, has accepted a position as consultant for economic education in Central Virginia. In the position she will work with six school divisions, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Nelson, Campbell County and the City of Lynchburg.

Torrence will work with teachers, and prospective teachers to ensure that they have the necessary background in economic education as well as assessing the curricular needs of students in Central Virginia.

The school board also accepted the resignation of Janet Hix, teacher at Appomattox Elementary School. She has accepted a position in Cumberland County.

The appointment of Sylvia Hamlet to teach math and science at Appomattox County High School was approved by the board.

A revised attendance policy was discussed. The revision is the result of a May 30 meeting of guidance counselors and parents with Walton.

"We want to emphasize daily class attendance and participation in daily grades to assure that students achieve at the highest possible level," said Walton.

Parents present at the meeting expressed approval of the new revised policy, which will require parents to write a note to the school the first day the child returns stating the reason for the child's absence from school.

Some changes will be made in the policy for attendance, with clarification of some points of the new guidelines, written up and voted on at the next meeting of the school board, according to Walton.

According to results of the SRA Achievement Test, students are continuing to improve in all areas of study.

The Physical Education and Health Program at Appomattox Primary School was selected by the State Department of Education as a model for other primary schools.

In the 1983-84 school report, Walton noted that more than 80 volunteers assisted regularly the teachers at Appomattox Primary and Appomattox Elementary Schools with learning aids and with one-to-one instruction.

It was noted also that Appomattox Middle School students placed fourth in the Virginia Mathmatics League Contest.

To county school board

Bob Stewart reappointed

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on Friday reappointed Robert G. Stewart representative at large from the Cloverhill District to the Appomattox County School Board for another four-year term.

A resolution was passed that will put the question of zoning for Appomattox County before the people.

In the November election Appomattox County residents will have the opportunity to vote as to whether Appomattox County should have a zoning ordinance.

The board will hold public meetings for the purpose of informing the county citizens as to exactly what zoning means, how the county could be zoned, and the effects of zoning on the county.

"I think the people of Appomattox County need to be informed about zoning before they cast their vote in November," said Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the board.

The question of zoning for Appomattox County has been under consideration for some time.

If the majority of the Appomattox County people approve zoning for the county the board will have to enact an ordinance, according to Thomas W. Lawson, commonwealth attorney. However, if the majority of the vote is against zoning, the board can still pass the zoning ordinance if they see fit.

T. E. Pittman, of the State Highway Department, reported that the projected allocation for Appomattox County secondary road budget was $333,000 however, the actual amount available is $498,000.

"We'll be able to take care of the road priority listing as approved by the board," said Pittman.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division reported the 1983-84 school year was "A good one."

"We came out at the end of this year in good shape," Walton said. "We'll be going into next year equally as well as last," he added.

William R. Britton, special projects assistant for Appomattox County and coordinator of the Private Industry Council explained that the county must match a grant from the Private Industry Council if the county and towns of Appomattox and Pamplin want to continue in the Community Certification Program. Originally, the grant was to cover 100 percent of participation in the program.

Britton noted that volunteer contribution would count as in-kind services and said he can get volunteers to help with the planned program.

"While I can get 25 percent of the county's share of the grant through in-kind services, we'll still need from $2,500 to maybe $5,000 from the board of supervisors to make up the difference," Britton noted.

The board asked for clarification of the project before taking any action.

Bloodmobile to visit here Tuesday, June 26

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be making a regular scheduled visit to Appomattox on Tuesday, June 26 at Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

The goal for this visit is 125 units of blood.

"At our April 20th visit we had eight first-timers," commented Alice C. Martin, chairman of Blood Services for Appomattox County.

Those donating for the first time at the April visit were Lorna Herbert, Linda Herbert, Paul Goin, Patty Roach, Elizabeth Caldwell, Phyliss Winters, Audrey Wright and Rodney Bryant.

"I urge all our faithful regular donors to make plans to visit us on June 26," said Martin. "We need the help of as many new donors as possible."

Lions plan to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, June 14 at the Country Fare Restaurant at 6:45.

Members are urged to attend.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

My dictionary defines "dog days" as the hot, sultry season in July and August when the "dog star, Sirius," rises with the sun. I'd say it is sorta ahead of time this year. Also I have a book on Astronomy and that says, "East of Orion is Canis Minor, the Little Dog. Below it and southeast of Orion is the constellation, Canis Major, containing Sirius, the Dog Star, the brightest fixed star in the heavens." Unfortunately only rarely do we get a look at stars, due to pollution more likely than faulty vision. But I just thought I would mention that we have been having "dog days" weather. And, now, what a crowd there must have been this weekend at Coney Island, Atlantic City, Ocean City, Virginia Beach, the Outer Banks, Myrtle Beach, etc.

Martha Street is doing very well, thank you. Got a mixture of tar and gravel, during a visit by a fine road crew. Ah yes, and one of the leaders was my friend, Floyd Bingham, who spoke briefly of his recollections of D-Day in Normandy forty years ago. Floyd has retired, but currently is helping out at his former job.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park item. Visitation is very good. Yes sir, lots of fine people visit Appomattox. This week the local Park was expecting a visit from a top Park Service official from Washington. A warm reception applies to hospitality, not weather.

During a dry spell, and you aim to make the best use of water, which do you water first, the lawn, flowers or vegetables? And how about water for the birds.

At a recent yard sale I made a purchase. Picked up a copy of "Creative Chemistry" by Dr. E.E. Slosson. One of the great masterpieces, published in the early 1920's and popularizing the miracles of modern chemistry. Wise use of chemicals has brought us life saving medicines, labor saving processes; but, also, TNT and explosives that could destroy civilization. I did not study chemistry in college, but am glad some smart students did.

Next idea. At a local church found three by eight and a half half inch slips of orange colored paper with the suggestion thereon that children use it as a "scrawl sheet" instead of scribbling in hymm books, etc.

Magnolias bloom only briefly, but are a lovely sight. I have one magnolia tree and it has six blooms, all on the northwest side.

Alas and alack. Fighting honeysuckle, I lost two pocket knives over the week-end. Metal detector, anyone? Losing a pocket knife is almost as bad as losing the rabbitt foot I always carry.

Thanks for reading and see ya around Growing Appomattox.

Response to book good

Thomas R. Terry, working on the book **Appomattox County - A Pictorial History**, reports that he is pleased with the amount of information he has found to date in the form of photographs and documents relating to the people and events in Appomattox County's history. In the next few weeks he plans to visit all the people who have called saying they have information.

One area in which he is especially interested is the churches of the county. It would be very helpful if members or historians of various county churches would bring the following to the **Times-Virginian** office by July 1: A black and white picture of your church (5 x 7 preferred), the date of your church's establishment, location of your church, present pastor, and any significant historical facts that you would like considered for publication.

All pictures will be returned, if desired, when the publication is complete in December, 1984.

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